

Missouri Fastest Growing Occupations

2019-2021

Missouri is projected to have a net increase of more than 35,000 jobs between 2019 and 2021. Of the top 20 occupations in the state with the fastest growth rate, five are in the *Computer and Mathematical* major occupation group, and four are in the *Health Care Practitioners and Technical* group. Fifteen of the top 20 fastest growing occupations have above average wages.

Occupation	2019 Estimated Employment	2021 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Annual Openings	Average Annual Wage
Personal Care Aides	68,407	72,795	4,388	6.41%	12,034	\$23,020
Information Security Analysts	2,891	3,076	185	6.40%	304	\$91,210
Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers	629	667	38	6.04%	85	\$55,050
Logging Equipment Operators	434	459	25	5.76%	84	\$34,080
Cargo and Freight Agents	2,430	2,564	134	5.51%	304	\$47,000
Statisticians	930	981	51	5.48%	100	\$71,150
Respiratory Therapists	3,405	3,579	174	5.11%	271	\$56,320
Occupational Therapy Assistants	796	835	39	4.90%	109	\$57,310
Operations Research Analysts	1,622	1,700	78	4.81%	146	\$77,210
Software Developers, Applications	16,182	16,945	763	4.72%	1,548	\$93,880
Actuaries	451	472	21	4.66%	37	\$100,180
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	4,765	4,981	216	4.53%	512	\$148,840
Physician Assistants	1,120	1,170	50	4.46%	91	\$94,480
Speech-Language Pathologists	3,574	3,733	159	4.45%	276	\$77,790
Nurse Practitioners	4,629	4,833	204	4.41%	356	\$102,470
Industrial Engineers	5,901	6,160	259	4.39%	542	\$87,620
Home Health Aides	12,800	13,352	552	4.31%	1,741	\$25,080
Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	7,059	7,357	298	4.22%	930	\$24,460
Materials Engineers	618	644	26	4.21%	52	\$93,100
Cooks, Restaurant	29,954	31,207	1,253	4.18%	4,951	\$25,180

Only includes occupations with annual openings of 20 or more. Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Division of Occupational Employment Statistics (OES). Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC).



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